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1. The Confederacion General del Trabajo de Nicaragua (CGT) held its founding congress on 26 March 1949, at which time the following Central Committee was elected:

Secretary General  
Organizational and Press Secretary  
Secretary of Conflicts  
Financial Secretary  
Recording Secretary  
Cultural Secretary  
Secretary for Rural Action  
Secretary for Medical Assistance  
Secretary for Technical Relations

Absalon Gonzalez  
Domingo Vargas  
Roberto Gonzalez M.  
Ramiro Guerrero  
Francisco Bravo Lacayo  
Hector Zelaya  
Humberto Gabuardi  
Matilde Barreto  
Bernardo Otero

2. All of the above, with the exception of Absalon Gonzalez and possibly of Roberto Gonzalez and Hector Zelaya, are members of the Partido Socialista de Nicaragua (PSN). The present position of Roberto Gonzalez and Zelaya is uncertain, but these two individuals are sympathetic to the ideas of Juan Lorio and other PSN leaders.\*

3. The statutes of the CGT are virtually the same as those of the old Confederacion de Trabajadores de Nicaragua (CTN), with certain minor exceptions. A regulating commission was named to study the statutes and make recommendations for changes. All members of this four-man Commission are PSN members.

4. The PSN, having placed its members in the majority of the positions on the CGT Central Committee, is now concentrating on building up the various labor syndicates and organizing new ones. It desires to bring ultimately all labor groups of the country under the control of the new Confederacion.

5. PSN leaders must still remain in the background, as they do not wish to risk being sent back to prison for engaging in labor activities. The PSN officers on the CGT Central Committee are therefore second line members.

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